

# GENERAL STUDIES

## PAPER-1\_2

Indian Heritage and Culture, History of India and the World

**TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS**

**MAXIMUM MARKS: 250**

### Question Paper Specific Instructions

**Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions:**

There are **TWENTY** questions printed only in **ENGLISH**.

**All** the questions are compulsory.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in a medium other than the authorized one.

Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Questions-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

**Answer all the following questions. Contents of the answer are more important than its length. All questions carry equal marks.** **12.5 X 20=250**

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**(200 words/12.5 marks)**

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# UPSC CIVIL SERVICES MAINS EXAMINATION

## ANSWER SHEET

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